



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2281

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
on May 15, 2008*

SUMMARY

S. 2281 would expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, which is managed jointly by Michigan and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Based on information provided by NOAA and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2281 would cost \$9 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2281 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2281 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009-2013
CHANGING IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	5	1	1	1	1	9
Estimated Outlays	4	2	1	1	1	9

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2281 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2009 and that necessary funds will be appropriated for each fiscal year for the activities authorized by the bill. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for NOAA activities.

The new boundary of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve would include submerged lands off Presque Isle and Alcona counties, Michigan, and outward to the international border between the United States and Canada. Based on information from NOAA, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2281 would cost \$9 million over the 2009-2013 period. Of that amount, the agency would use \$1 million per year to administer the expanded area and \$5 million to purchase a new vessel to conduct research.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2281 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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